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Hon. Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-mentioned national stage application was filed on May 2, 2005 without a signed oath or declaration.

Enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration.

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

The declaration is executed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.68.

Respectfully submitted,

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